

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of: **D. Merkel, et al.**

Examiner: **N. Nguyen**

Application No.: **10/620,018**

Art Unit: **1754**

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For: **METHODS OF PURIFYING HYDROGEN FLUORIDE**

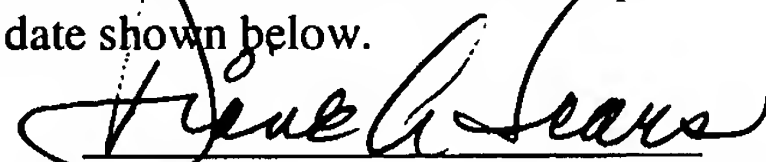
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 23, 2005**

Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May, 23, 2005, having a three-month extended period for response set to expire November 23, 2005. Payment for a three-month extension of time to reply is submitted herewith. If any additional fees or extensions of time are required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to the aforementioned deposit account 19-5425.

Applicants request that the claims be amended as reflected in the section  
“Amendments to the Claims” which begins on page 3 of this correspondence.

Applicants’ remarks begin on page 8.